HOUSE BILL 1160

By Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, relative to teacher training programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5602, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

- (b) An applicant for a teaching training program shall not be admitted to the program unless the applicant:
 - (1) Attained a composite ACT score of at least 21 on any single ACT test date or passed the GED® tests with an average score of at least 525, the revised GED® tests with an average score of at least 170, or the HiSET® tests with an average score of at least 15 and achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in high school; or
 - (2) Graduated from an eligible postsecondary institution with an associate degree and achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 for all college coursework.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.